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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THURSDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED SUMMIT DIS-

CUSSED ARMS CONTROL; FRIDAY PAPERS HEADLINE US SOVIET SEEK ARMS LIMIT IN 1974, OFTEN CARRY TEXT OF AGREEMENTS, NYTIMES HAS EXCERPTS FROM KISSINGER BRIEFING AT WHICH AMBASSADOR JOHNSON ALSO PRESENT.

. A. THURSDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAD SOVIET SPOKESMAN TIES TRADE AND ARMS LIMITATION; BALTSUN HAD BALL SAYS SOVIET GOALS UNCHANGED. FRIDAY PAPERS INSIDE HAVE VARIOUS ANALYSES OF ARMS PLEDGE, INCLUDING SENATOR JACKSON'S; WASHPOST HAS SILENCE GRIPS GENEVA CONFERENCE, ALSO WORLD COURT RULING AGAINST FRANCE SEEN; BALTSUN HAD POMPIDOU DECIDES TONIGHT WHEN TO START PACIFIC TESTS.

2. GENEVA. WASHPOST MCGREGOR REPORTS 25- NATION DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE MADE A LIMITED CONCESSION TO REALITY AND CANCELED ALTOGETHER TODAY'S MEETING, MCGREGOR ADDING REAL REASON CONFERENCE IS BECALMED IS CURRENT NIXON- BREZHNEV TALKS SINCE PROGRESS AT SUMMIT WILL DECIDE TO GREAT EXTENT WHETHER THERE IS ANY CHANCE THIS CONFERENCE CAN ARRIVE AT ANY AGREEMENT TO BAN NUCLEAR TESTS AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS. ACCORDING MCGREGOR, CONFERENCE LEADERS COUNT ON NEW DELEGATES AND HOPE FOR A SIGN FROM SUMMIT WHICH COULD INDUCE SOMEBODY TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE SOON.

3. TESTING. WASHPOST ITEM FROM THE HAGUE REPORTS ICJ WILL ASK FRANCE FRIDAY TO SUSPEND ITS NUCLEAR TESTING IN SOUTH PACIFIC, ACCORDING TO WELL- INFORMED SOURCES HERE, BUT FRANCE HAS SAID IT WILL GO AHEAD WITH TESTS ANYHOW. STORY ADDS PROTESTS ARE MOUNTING, JAPANESE HANDING A VIGOROUS PROTEST TO FRENCH FONMIN AND IN BRUSSELS ICFTU WARNED IT IS CONSIDERING STRONG ACTION AGAINST FRANCE AND GAVE ITS SUPPORT TO ACTIONS BY UNIONS IN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FIJI AND DEMONSTRATIONS BY JAPANESE UNIONS AND PROTESTS BY UNIONS IN OTHER ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

4. SALT. WASHPOST MARDER STRESSES US RUSSIA YESTERDAY SET UNCLASSIFIED

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TARGET DATE OF 1974 TO TRY TO CONCLUDE A PERMANENT PACT THAT WILL LIMIT THE NUMBERS AND QUALITY OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS AND BEGIN TO REDUCE ARMS LEVELS, AS LEADERS ALSO LEFT OPEN A PATH FOR PARTIAL, TEMPORARY AGREEMENT BEFORE 1974; LEADERS ALSO SIGNED AN ACCORD ON EXPANDING AMERICAN- SOVIET COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY. NYTIMES GWERTZMAN SIMILAR; FINNEY REPORTS ATOMIC COOPERATION PACT GIVES PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO NEW TYPES OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.

4 A. KISSINGER IN BRIEFING STRESSED LEADERS' COMMITMENT TO URGENCY OF COMPLETING A PERMANENT AGREEMENT AND ITS EFFECT ON PEACE AND SECURITY; 2, PACT STATES THE DEADLINE 1974; 3, INCLUDES REDUCTION AS AN OBJECTIVE AND NOT SIMPLY

LIMITATION; 4, OPENS A DIMENSION NOT COVERED IN SALT ONE BY AIMING TO LIMIT NUMBER OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS AS WELL AS TO LIMIT THEIR QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT.

4 B. NYTIMES HEDRICK SMITH WASHINGTON SAYS NIXON BREZHNEV STATEMENT ON ARMS CONTROL SO VAGUE AND AMBIGUOUS IT DID NOT IMPOSE SPECIFIC LIMITS ON ARMS RACE OR RULE OUT TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES. BUT 1974 NEGOTIATING TARGET IMPLIED BARGAIN THAT WOULD LET SOVIETS TEST ADVANCED MULTIPLE WARHEADS FOR STRATEGIC MISSILE FORCES BUT PROBABLY HOLD MOSCOW'S NUMBER SUBMARINE-BASED LAUNCHERS BELOW CEILINGS PERMITTED IN ARMS AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST YEAR IN MOSCOW. STATEMENT INTENDED FROM ADMINISTRATION POINT OF

VIEW TO GO AT LEAST PART WAY TO MEET SEN JACKSON'S OBJECTIONS.

4 C. WASHPOST BERGER REPORTS JACKSON SAID YESTERDAY HE PLANNED SUBMIT SERIES QUESTIONS TO PRESIDENT ON MEANING OF NEW SET BASIC PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED YESTERDAY. JACKSON SAID QUOTE I WANT FIND OUT IF THESE PRINCIPLES ARE APPROXIMATELY IN ACCORD WITH PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN MY AMENDMENT. WHAT I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT IS SETTING TARGET DATE IN 1974 BEFORE AGREEMENT REACHED UNQUOTE.

4 D. WASHPOST GETTLER SAYS US AIM OF GETTING SOVIETS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREE TO LIMITATION ON FLIGHT TESTING MIRVS MAY PROVE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT DESPITE NEW STATEMENT. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT SOVIETS COULD MAKE ENOUGH PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING MIRVS BY 1974 TO MAKE TRULY RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO RUSSIANS. THUS, WHY SOVIETS WOULD AGREE TO LIMITATION ON MIRV BY 1974 REMAINS PUZZLE TO US OFFICIALS, SINCE FEW BELIEVE SOVIETS WOULD ALLOW THEMSELVES FROZEN INTO POSITION TECHNOLOGICAL INFERIORITY. OFFICIALS INDICATE LIKELY MIRV TESTING OR DEPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS MAY BE AIMED AT LIMITING USE OR TESTING ONLY TO SUBMARINE MISSILES, SMALLER TYPES LAND-BASED MISSILES OR MIXTURE OF THESE MISSILES.

4 E. NYTIMES RESTON SAYS NIXON BREZHNEV AGREEMENTS ON ARMS AND ATOMIC ENERGY PROMISE GREAT DEAL MORE THAN THEY DELIVER, BUT THEY AT LEAST MAINTAIN SPIRIT COOPERATION. COMMUNIQUE ON ARMS LIMITATION DEALS MORE IN PRINCIPLES THAN SPECIFICS. DOES LITTLE MORE THAN GIVE SALT TWO NEGOTIATORS NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO GET BACK TO GENEVA AND TRY COME UP WITH PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON MORE COMPLETE MEASURES TO CONTROL STRATEGIC WEAPONS. TWO LEADERS NOW NEGOTIATING MOST COMPLICATED PROBLEM EVER ATTEMPTED BY TWO SOVEREIGN NATIONS, NOT MERELY TO LIMIT NUMBER OF WEAPONS BUT AGREE ON QUALITY OF THOSE WEAPONS.

4 F. NYTIMES EDITORIAL SAYS SUCCESS OF JOINT STATEMENT PRINCIPLES FOR CONTROLLING STRATEGIC ARMS AIMED AT REVIVING STALLED MOMENTUM OF SALT, WILL DEPEND ON WAY PRINCIPLES TRANSLATE INTO SPECIFICATIONS IN TREATY TO BE ACHIEVED NEXT YEAR. THOSE SKEPTICAL OF NIXON POLICIES ON ARMS CONTROL WILL WANT STUDY ADMINISTRATION'S DETAILED EXPLANATIONS OF NEW PRINCIPLES BEFORE RUSHING TO JUDGMENT.

IN RESPECT BOTH ARMS CONTROL AND TRADE, DETAILS TELL MORE THAN PRINCIPLES, BUT LATTER NATURALLY COMES FIRST, AND THUS SUMMIT SEEMS ACCOMPLISHING PRIMARY PURPOSE. ROGERS

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